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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Oct. 5 WBA Member Meeting Day virtual
- Oct. 17 Home Planning Guide Launch
- Oct. 24 MSHBA BOD/GM Meeting
5:30 pm BOD Meeting
6:30 pm GM Meeting
Roepke's Village Inn
- Nov. 9 WBA Trends in Housing Conference Green Bay
- December 15 MSHBA Annual Holiday Party
Altona Supper Club

MSHBA's Office will be closed September 28—October 17

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Schmitz, K & J Construction and Design, LLC

Hello fellow Members,
Time for another monthly newsletter. Just a couple of things this time around, but they are big!!

This month on October 24 we will hold our **General Membership meeting at Roepke's Village Inn** in Charlesburg at 6:30 pm in the party room.

On October 17, our **2023 Home Planning Guide**, will be distributed in the Tempo and Sheboygan Sun (Plymouth). This is a great way to showcase your com-

pany and advertise to your local community of more than 18,000 consumers. The Home Planning Guide is available for download on our Parade of Homes webpage. Thank you for advertising in this publication.

Lastly, take a look at the listing of Member Anniversaries on page 9 of this newsletter. Thank you for renewing your membership in Mid-Shores HBA!

Kevin

OCTOBER MEETINGS

October 24

Roepke's Village Inn
Charlesburg

5:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 pm Cocktails

6:30 pm GM Meeting & Dinner off the Menu

Bring a guest and see what our association is about.



Introducing Mid-Shores Home Builders Association's

2023 HOME PLANNING GUIDE

Available **OCTOBER 17** in the Tempo & Sheboygan Sun (Plymouth) or download now at midshoreshomebuilders.com

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MSHBA offers an option to pay your dues in three consecutive monthly payments of \$150.00. Your membership will take into effect on your final payment. A 3-Pay Dues payment contract will be included with your renewal statement.



MSHBA IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT!

So far, 100% of Members have renewed their Membership in 2023!

WBA Member Benefits...

- **Kwik Trip Rewards**
- **Contracts/Forms**
- **Member Hotline**
- **Insurance**
- **Rebate Form**
- **Continuing Education**
- **Coaching & Consulting**

Even More Benefits are available at



WISCONSIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

www.wisbuild.org/member-benefits

Attend WBA's Trends in Housing on November 9

Flyer—Page 7

Mid-Shores HBA Members,

Did you hear? The Wisconsin Builders Association is coming to our backyard!

The upcoming **Trends in Housing Conference** is taking place Thursday, November 9 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay. Those with DCQs are able to receive up to **four** continuing education credits towards your credential renewal.

Page 4 contains a flyer with an overview of the great lineup of speakers and content, so be sure to check it out and [register](#) for just \$125 by November 2, and will increase to \$150 if you register after November 2.

REGISTER NOW



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2023 Home Planning Guide

Home is now more important than ever! Your home should reflect your changing preferences and modern lifestyle. We invite you to download, keep and use the **2023 Home Planning Guide**, sponsored by Advanced Custom Geothermal LLC, Chilton Furniture and Potter Building Supply, as a resource in planning your next home transition.

In addition, we encourage you to visit “Consumer Info” at www.midshoreshomebuilders.com to view more articles to make your home more livable, such as “Designing the Perfect Laundry Room.”

Thank you for your continued support!

Julie Schmitz, Chairperson, K & J Construction and Design, LLC

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Page 9 – Designing the Perfect Laundry Room
Page 15 – A More Functional Garage
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Trends in Housing Conference

Join us to hear about the latest home improvement, innovation and universal design practices, receive free legal advice, and hear about a successful workforce development project!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, WI
9:00AM - 3:00PM

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**



TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- Innovation in Building Practices
- Adapting to Market Trends - Keynote by Dave King; Home Improvement Research Institute
- Aging in Place & Universal Design
- Student Build Success; the Next Generation of Trades Workforce
- Legal Pitfalls in the Building Industry

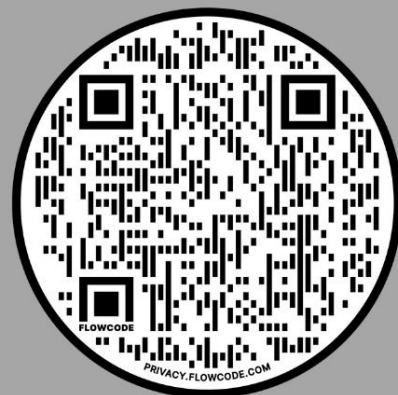
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Advocacy Digest | August 22, 2023

Brad Boycks, Executive Director



Additional Summaries of Workforce Housing Legislation

You likely recall the passage of four workforce housing loan programs and one bill to provide the assurance that developments will be approved if they follow local land use plans and ordinances that were signed into law this spring. After the passage of bills, the Wisconsin Legislative Council writes additional plain language summaries of each new Wisconsin Act.

Below are the summaries for each bill that recently passed. Please feel free to reference these summaries as you look to build and develop and share this information with municipalities you are working with.

- **2023 Wisconsin Act 16:** relating to judicial review of local governmental decisions related to certain land development, local approval of residential housing development, and amendment of zoning ordinances. [Legislative Council Memo](#)
- **2023 Wisconsin Act 17:** relating to housing rehabilitation loans awarded by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority. [Legislative Council](#)

[Memo](#)

- **2023 Wisconsin Act 14:** relating to residential housing infrastructure revolving loan fund and revolving loan program. [Legislative Council Memo](#)
- **2023 Wisconsin Act 15:** relating to a main street housing rehabilitation revolving loan fund and loan program. [Legislative Council Memo](#)
- **2023 Wisconsin Act 18:** relating to commercial-to-housing conversion revolving loan fund and loan program. [Legislative Council Memo](#)

State Budget Provides DSPS with Additional Funding and Staff Positions

One of the provisions of the 2023-2024 WBA Advocacy Agenda was to find ways to give the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) additional tools to approve new credential applications and to process the renewals of those already in the trades.

The recently passed state budget that was signed into law by Governor Evers provides the following funding and staff positions to DSPS:

- \$445,800 for equipment and soft-

ware upgrades

- 7 additional license processing staff members
- 6 additional call center staff members
- 3 additional plan review staff members
- The previous temporary staff members to review POWTS System were made permanent.

You can also [click here](#) for the comprehensive summary of all the budget provisions related to DSPS.

WBA Opposes Moving to 2021 ICC

Recently the Senate Committee on Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry and the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate held a joint hearing on an administrative rule brought forward by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) to move Wisconsin to the 2021 version of the commercial building code. WBA registered against this code update largely because DSPS has been unable to show this code change will affect the cost of construction for all commercial buildings including multifamily buildings.

If you build or design multifamily units and would be willing to help WBA by providing some information on how the new 2021 commercial building code would increase the cost of construction, please reach out to [Brad Boycks](#). In order to do this analysis, we can send you the information on the proposed code update that has been provided by DSPS.

Wisconsin Builders Foundation Launches New 4-Credit Continuing Education Course for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers

In partnership with On3 Field Learning, the Wisconsin Builders Foundation has launched a newly created 4-credit online course that will satisfy the new continuing education requirements for Dwelling Contractor Qualifiers. Due to a recent law change, anyone renewing their DCQ credential will be required four of the 12 required credits in subject matter that includes construction laws and codes and contracts, liability, and risk management.

To register for the course, members or non-members can simply click the red "Register" button below. Members of record can access this course free of charge by entering the promo code provided on [this page](#) at checkout; note: WBA member login will be required to access this page. The course is available to non-members for \$55.00. Your DCQ number will also be required at the time of registration.

Directions:

1. Click the Red Register Button Below
2. Complete the required information and payment on checkout page (reminder to members of record to enter the **promo code** for free registration)
3. You will receive a confirmation that you have been registered. At this time, please watch your inbox - and spam folder - for an email from On3. Note: it may take up to 48 hours if registering on the weekend.
4. Follow the instructions in the email and complete the online learning (from smart phone, tablet, web browser, etc.) with 30 days
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 Envoy Mortgage - 2 years
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 Green Hammer Construction LLC - 1 year
 Meggers Plumbing LLC - 10 years
 Valley Cabinets Inc. - 12 years
 Vande Hey Automotive Group - 8 years
 Wrightway Home Improvements - 6 years
 Zander Press Inc. - 16 years



MSHBA IS CELEBRATING 25 Years!

**Congratulations to these
members celebrating another
anniversary with MSHBA!**

Happy Anniversary

Alpine Insulation Co., LLC - Charter Member of 25 years!
 Interior Woodworking LLC - 16 years
 Jannette Trucking & Excavating Inc - 24 years
 Kraus Construction Inc. - 14 years
 Meyer Plumbing LLC - 18 years
 Pella Windows & Doors of WI - Charter
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 Precision Floors & Décor - 1 year
 Roffers Concrete Construction Inc. - 18 years
 State Bank of Chilton - 22 years



Happy Anniversary

Ditter Plumbing Co. - 11 years
 Pinnow Sheet Metal Inc. - 7 years
 Premier Properties Realty LLC - 16 years
 Schneider & Schneider Construction Inc. - Charter
 Member of 25 years!
 Thiel Real Estate - 16 years



Happy Anniversary

Best Exteriors LLC - 4 years
 Christel & Heiberger Builders Inc. - Charter
 Member of 25 years!
 Drexel Building Supply - Charter
 Member of 25 years!
 Manitowoc Heating & Refrigeration Services Inc.
 - 10 years
 Potter Building Supply - 9 years
 Chilton Furniture - 24 years
 K & J Construction and Design LLC - 19 years

